

May 8, 2017

## OLS Parish Council Meeting

Attendees: Msgr. Emery, Father Rich, Sister Mary Selina, Joan Delaloye, Jim Simari, Heather Machado, Liz Petroccia, Tom Pollard, Ellen Wiese, Joyce Ashurst

Absent: Marli Craig, Diana Tynan, Dominic Anozie, Sandra Carless, Mimi Herman, Liz Ebert

Minutes: Correction to March Minutes re: food pantry, no other corrections to Minutes.

**WORD** Heather Machado advised cluster met with Father Rizzo re: Mamre model for marriage enrichment program at OLS. Deacon Raj and Maureen advised to make sure program is creative and not boring. Monthly meeting should be preplanned. Fr. Rizzo has meetings on Fridays. Deacon Walter suggested Saturdays. Plan to begin program in the Fall. Will have trial run during the summer with small group of married couples, who will be “core” of the program. Plan to begin program by inviting couples, then growth through word of mouth and grow slowly. Program goal is to promote fellowship amongst married couples, through prayer, readings and discussions. Fr. Rich suggested that program should have a social focus and not too structured.

## COMMUNITY

Joan Delaloye advised “Mary Poppins” response was great. 26 tickets sold. Coffee and Donuts collected \$30.11 in donations.

Marli and Joan coming off Parish Council

Marli will continue to work on the St. Patrick’s Dance

**SERVICE** Liz Petroccia advised IHN – OLS will host families 7/30/17-8/6/17; 10/18/17-10/15/17; and 3/11/17-3/18/17. There will be no Giving Tree for IHN in July, will ask for donations prior to each hosting.

Syrian family sponsored by Catholic Charities. SOMA Volunteer Committee meeting to be held on May 21. Seeking housing, furnishings. Anna Nelson organizing.

Ellen Wiese advised Food Pantry services another Syrian family sponsored by the Jewish community.

Food Pantry numbers continue to go up and down every week, from 120 then down to 85. No explanation for the weekly shifting, as new patrons sign up every week. Donations have been great.

Tom Pollard advised St. Vincent de Paul has been quiet. Have money in coffers from poor box donations and Thanksgiving collection. They will donate money to Syrian family.

Msgr. Emery advised that 10% of the Living Stones capital campaign, share OLS receives from the diocese, goes to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Therefore of the total OLS share of \$220,000 (\$2,200) goes to St. Vincent de Paul over 4 years.

#### HOME SCHOOL

Diana was unable to attend meeting but did send a report.

Bingo was a smashing success. A number of OLS parishioners attended.

Sister Judith will be retiring. There will be a reception for Sister after the 9:30 mass on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Monsignor reported on status of the OLS statue. Collected \$7,000 to date. Statue cost is \$5,500. Statue to be dedicated on September 15<sup>th</sup> the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Monsignor thanked council members Heather Machado, Joan Delaloye, Marli Craig and Liz Petroccia, for their services, who are ending their terms on the council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Next Meeting September 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm